

1 The Open Space and Trails Committee met on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First  
2 Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss and if appropriate, take action on the agenda items listed below.

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4 **THOSE PRESENT WERE:**

5 Helen Burton	Chair
6 Sally Antrobus	Vice-Chair
7 John Coggeshall	Member
8 Monica Comeaux	Member
9 Debra Harper	Member
10 David Popken	Member
11 Heather Cable (exc. absent)	Member
12 Stephanie Martinez	Executive Administrative Assistant

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14 Chair Helen Burton called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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16 **1.0 PRESENTATIONS**

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18 **1.1 Presentations on removal of invasive species at Seabrook Prairie. (George Kyame)**

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20 The Prairie suffered damage after a dump truck delivered dirt to the wrong address. Chair Burton  
21 suggest that the City should ask for monetary damage to help replenish the area where the dirt was  
22 dumped.

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24 **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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26 No speaker came forward to give public comments and no updated information at the time from  
27 the Committee or staff.

28 **3.0 UPDATES**

29 **3.1 Update on recent and ongoing park activities and improvements.**

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- 31 • Member Antrobus has noticed that there are a lot of palm trees all throughout the City that  
32 are dying.
  - 33 • Member Popken pulled out some of the cane berm to help maintain what the Boy Scout  
34 troop cut out.
  - 35 • The bamboo at the Butterfly Garden is dying.
  - Half of the seedlings that were planted at Meador Park are dead.

36 **3.2 Chair's update on meeting with City Staff.**

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- 38 • A parks volunteer notice has been posted.
  - 39 • The City awaits the approval from the Port of Houston to launch an osprey tower.
  - 40 • The City pool opened June 5, 2018.
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44 **3.3 Report on milkweed planting.**  
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46 Hope Bean, with Rootimentary, planted 200 milkweeds. It was soon discovered that the deer were  
47 eating the milkweed. Cages were placed around the remaining milkweed to save them from the  
48 deer, but the deer were still able to consume some of the milkweeds and now only 6 plants remain.

49 **4.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

50 **4.1 Discussion on volunteer hours.**

51 The Committee members gave their volunteer hours to Chair Burton during the meeting to keep  
52 records current.

53 **4.2 Discussion on birding event to be held in the City of Seabrook parks.**

54 After discussion with volunteer Steenie Meadours, it would be best to start with bimonthly bird  
55 meetings. A seminar can be conducted on the Thursdays before the bird walks on Saturdays.

56 Motion was made by Member Popken and seconded by Member Antrobus

57 To approve 3 bimonthly birding seminars and bird count events for September, November, and  
58 January

59 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

60 **4.3 Discussion on making Baybrook more inviting.**

61 The new trail is almost complete.

62 **4.4 Discussion on trash cans and recycle cans in the Seabrook parks.**

63 No updated information at the time.

64 **4.5 Discussion on Bird Conservation Grant.**

65 The Committee awaits the results.

66 **4.6 Discussion on the relocation of trees in front of Walgreens.**

67 By Committee consensus:

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- 69 • 7 trees at Friendship park – 2 trees on each side of the 2 bleachers and 3 on the Westside  
70 of the park
  - 71 • 3 trees at Baybrook
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75 **4.7 Discussion on erosion control at Pine Gully.**

76 The Committee needs to pick 9 feet stretch of land to test the wood fiber mat that may help with  
77 erosion control.

78 Motion was made by Member Popken and seconded by Member Coggeshall

79 To blanket the Westside of the Robinson bridge with the wood fiber mat and add appropriate seeds

80 MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

81 **5.0 ROUTINE BUSINESS**

82 **5.1 Approve the minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting.**

83 Item was pulled.

84 **5.2 Consider and take all appropriate action concerning the Action Item Checklist.**

85 Chair Burton will give the quarterly report to City Council at the July 10, 2018 regular city council  
86 meeting.

87 **5.3 Consider and take all appropriate action concerning recommendations to Public Works  
88 Director on projects.**

89 No updated information at the time.

90 **5.4 Consider agenda items and upcoming meeting dates.**

91 The next meeting date is July 5, 2018.

92 By Committee consensus, the next agenda items include:

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  - Move items 4.5 and 4.6 to Updates

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97 Upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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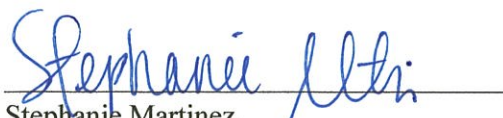
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Helen Burton,  
Chair

  
Stephanie Martinez,  
Executive Administrative Assistant